

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

OUR COVENANT: *In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the Congregation of TJMC Unitarian Universalist covenant to:*

- *Communicate with compassion and respect, especially when we disagree*
- *Celebrate diversity and nurture our inclusivity,*
- *Embrace one another spiritually and emotionally,*
- *Promote social justice within our congregation and the larger community,*
- *Generously support the ministries of the church with time, money and enthusiasm, and*
- *When we have fallen short, lovingly call each other back into covenant.*

GETTING STARTED AT TJMC-UU

1. Make Contact. Visit the Greeters in the foyer before our services, and visit our Connections Table in the Social Hall after the services. Let us help you meet someone else.

2. Try us out. Come to several Sunday services and stay for refreshments in the Social Hall; attend a smaller-group event; have a conversation with our minister. Get to know someone!

3. Come to an Orientation. Next Newcomers Orientation will be held after the 11:15am service on January 28. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Sally Taylor, sallytaylor411@gmail.com.

4. Join us, become a member! If you have been visiting for a while and feel you have found a church home, stop by the Connections Table in the Social Hall after the service or contact one of our Ministers.

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Spiritual Roots

October 8, 2017

9:15 & 11:15 am

The theme of our worship exploration this month is “Roots.”

PREPARATION ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you are, Whomever you love,
However you express your identity;
Whatever your situation in life,
Whatever your experience of the holy,
Your presence here is a gift.
Whether you are filled with sadness,
Overflowing with joy,
Needing to be alone with yourself,
Or eager to engage with others,
You have a place here.
We all have a place here.
We all are welcome here.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We light this chalice in faith, hope, and love.
We light this chalice for our integrity as we seek intelligent action.
We light this chalice with trust in deep rooted possibilities.
We light this chalice as we come again to community. (ARM)

ENTERING IN

OPENING HYMN “We Give Thanks” #1010 (paperback hymnal)

RECOGNIZING NEW MEMBERS

Logan Blanco ● Erin Britt ● Mark T. Day ● James Finley ● Sandra Finley ● Jim Gorham ● Bev Gorham ● Danny Gray ● Wesley Farris ● Carolyn Fitzpatrick ● David Heins ● Elizabeth Ide ● Haden Parrish ● Bill Plyler ● John Shackford ● Vicki Shackford ● Whitney Sill ● Kate Soderman ● Joan Stalzer ● D. Jean Umiker-Sebeok ● Chris Wilson ● Edward Wilson ● Bobbi Williams (rejoining)

Formal Members of the Congregation: We who have previously formalized our membership in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church community, welcome you as you now take this step. We honor your courage and are grateful for your commitment. We invite you to participate as fully as you can in the life of our religious community, offering your whole selves – strengths and weaknesses both – to this tapestry we weave, and ask you to do the same for us.

New Members: We affirm the community we join today – its reverence for the past, its vision for the future and its passion to live fully in the present.

Everyone Present: Long-time and newly formalized members, first time visitors, and those of us in-between – we are one community. May these words and these acts of welcome serve to renew our covenant with one another.

CHOIR “For Justice Now” Hennon, Chamberlin, and Hardin

REFLECTION *Spiritual Roots* Rev. Alexandra McGee

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

We accept these gifts with gratitude.
May we use them wisely and for the highest good.

GOING DEEPER ...

A TIME OF SILENCE

LIGHTING CANDLES & WRITING IN THE SANDS

SING TOGETHER “Find a Stillness” #352

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH “Lady of the Season’s Laughter” #51

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: 9:15-Marcia Brecker **11:15-**Wes Farris

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team.